

Message

From: Huang, Judy [Huang.Judy@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/4/2021 6:59:21 PM
To: Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Hi John:

You pretty much just moved a few sentences around on the first paragraph and changed the tone.

It is much less bureaucratic.

I did make one change to LACSD reference.

I kept on forgetting they are now back to calling themselves as the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts instead of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

I wasn't sure how much detail you want me include in the complexity discussion.

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Perhaps we should discuss this later when you have more time?

J

From: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:36 AM
To: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Well, please review it closely. I really did it in a couple minutes and didn't check if it even made sense.

From: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Ok, I will accept all the changes and send it to Thomas, Ylan, and Julia.

J

From: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Judy, sorry, I'm pressed for time. This is best I can do now. Look over and further adjust and starting running through OPA and ORC for additional edits. And I will pick up on it again later today.

Thanks, John

From: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:13 AM

To: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

John:

I rewrote the response (attached).
Please feel free to edit/comment.

J

From: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 6:13 PM
To: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Judy, I'm more inclined to say something along the lines of:

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Let's talk about such an approach, then how to word it.

Thanks, John

From: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

John:

What do you think of the following:

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I have to run to ACWD (already late for my 3:30 appointment).
I will check my email again this evening.

J

From: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>; Ty, Fatima <Ty.Fatima@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Good afternoon!

I just received the below inquiry from Rossana Xia at the LA Times. I touched base with her on the phone, and basically the article will consist of an overview of “what people are saying”, what’s being done, and what the regulatory agencies are doing.

She would like to know if we either have a direct comment on Heal the Bay and Asm. O’Donnell’s calls to action, or if we can provide a general comment on the site’s status and/or EPA’s current actions.

Would providing a general comment be possible?

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That is, of course, a VERY rough draft, and will definitely need to be tweaked (or perhaps re-engineered entirely), I just wanted to give scope of the potential statement.

The deadline on this is quite quick, unfortunately, as it’s Friday at 5pm, although there is an option to extend to Monday at 10am. I will be out of the office Friday 3/5 to Tuesday 3/9, but Alejandro Diaz has generously made himself available to step in if needed.

As always, happy to do whatever you think is best!

Thanks!

Julia

From: Xia, Rosanna <Rosanna.Xia@latimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 1:03 PM
To: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Hi Julia,

I’m writing a follow up to this article that published in October, on the history of DDT waste dumping off the Los Angeles coast: <https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-coast-ddt-dumping-ground/>

I’m mostly summarizing the reactions and actions so far on this issue, including calls to action from advocacy groups like Heal the Bay (<https://healthebay.org/ddt-dumping-near-catalina/>) and a resolution from state Asm. O’Donnell that calls on the EPA and Congress to take action (<https://a70.asmdc.org/press-releases/20201208-odonnell-calls-clean-ddt>)

Would the EPA like to provide any comments for this article – either on this new information regarding the dumped waste barrels, or any updates on the Palos Verdes Superfund site?

I’m working with a 5pm Friday deadline (let me know if you need until Monday, I could try my best to block out some space for you in the draft that I submit to my editor).

I’ll give you a call now to touch base. Thank you for taking the time to look into this request for comment,

Rosanna

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